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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b, containing a list of references cited in the foreign counterpart to the present application (Japanese Patent Application 2002-577320). This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the payment of the Issue Fee in the above referenced application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3)(ii), the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of any foreign language document is satisfied by the accompanying English-language patent abstracts.

Also enclosed is a Japanese Official Notice of Rejection for a Japanese counterpart of the present patent application (Japanese Patent Application 2002-577320), in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since a translation of the Official Notice of Rejection is also enclosed, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now also met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3)(i).

The present Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted after payment of the Issue Fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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